

REMARKS

Claims 1 to 27 were pending in the application at the time of examination. The Examiner rejected Claims 1 and 26 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by the Tai et al. reference (US 5,841,976). The Examiner rejected Claims 2 to 25 under 35 U.S.C.103 (a) as obvious over the Tai et al. reference (US 5,841,976) in view of official notice. The Examiner allowed Claim 27.

Applicant has cancelled Claims 1 to 26, without prejudice. Consequently, only allowed Claim 27 remains in the Application.

REJECTION OF CLAIMS 1 AND 26 UNDER 35 U.S.C. 102(b)

The Examiner rejected Claims 1 and 26 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by the Tai et al. reference (US 5,841,976).

As shown above, Applicant has cancelled Claims 1 to 26, without prejudice. Consequently, Applicant respectfully submits that the rejection of Claims 1 and 26 is now moot in the present Application.

REJECTION OF CLAIMS 2 TO 25 UNDER 35 U.S.C. 103(a)

The Examiner rejected Claims 2 to 25 under 35 U.S.C.103 (a) as obvious over the Tai et al. reference (US 5,841,976) in view of official notice.

As shown above, Applicant has cancelled Claims 1 to 26, without prejudice. Consequently, Applicant respectfully submits that the rejection of Claims 2 to 25 is now moot in the present Application.

ALLOWED CLAIM 27

Applicant has not amended Claim 27 since it was allowed. Consequently, Applicant respectfully requests Claim 27 be allowed to issue.

CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, Applicant respectfully requests allowance of all pending claims. If the Examiner has any questions relating to the above, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned Attorney for Applicant.

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